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## UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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## PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable William E. Colby Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Colby:

The General Accounting Office (GAO) has asked me to allow it to review the confidential statements submitted by officials, such as yourself, pursuant to section 401 of Executive Order 11222. For your information, a copy of GAO's letter is enclosed.

Under Executive Order 11222, while financial statements are generally kept in confidence, their contents can be disclosed for good cause. An authorized audit by GAO would appear to be good cause. Nonetheless, before I disclose your statement to GAO, realizing that you have previously been informed that such reports would be disclosed only to me and my counsel, I am seeking your authorization for disclosure. If I do not hear from you by November 17, 1975, I shall assume that you have authorized me to disclose your confidential statement to GAO.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Hampton Chairman

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## UNITED STATES GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FEDERAL PERSONNEL AND COMPENSATION DIVISION

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The Honorable Robert E. Hampton Chairman, U.S. Civil Service Commission

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you are aware, the General Accounting Office has been reviewing Federal agency financial disclosure systems. Our reviews have not included an examination of the financial disclosure statements of the top agency officials which are filed with the Commission. Since we believe, as do Members of Congress, that these statements should be subject to the same scrutiny as the interests of other Government officials, we are scheduling a review of the financial disclosure system for Presidential appointees provided for in section 401 of Executive Order 11222.

We noted that you have informed each official who is required to file a statement that his statement would be kept in the strictest confidence, and would be available only to you and your Counsel. We believe it imperative that these officials be informed by you that their statements will be released to us for review. All information disclosed to us will be kept in strictest confidence during the course of our review, and only code numbers will be used to identify individuals in our working papers.

Please contact us as soon as these statements are available so that we may commence our work. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Clifford Gould, Associate Director, Federal Personnel and Compensation Division, on 386-4188.

Sincerely yours,

David P. Sorando Acting Director